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SUBJECT: NOON PRESS BRIEFING APRIL 3

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1.HAVING NOTED THE EXCHANGE AT THE NOON BREIFING YESTERDAY
IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR THE PRESS OFFICER TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE
FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS.

2. SINCE I HAVE ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT ALL REPORTS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT TO THE CONGRESS ARE" HONEST AND DETAILED" I HAVE
NO APOLOGY WHATEVER FOR THE USE OF THOSE WORDS IN MY CABLE OF
MARCH 21 TO THE DEPARTMENT. NOT EVEN THE MOST TORTURED
CONSTRUCTION CAN OBSCURE THE OBVIOUS FACT THAT MY RECOMMENDATION
IN THAT CABLE CONVEYED MY CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT THE PROPER
FORA FOR AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF AMERICAN POLICY IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA WAS THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS - NOT THE SENATE JUDICIARY
SUB-COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES. I HAVE NO APOLOGY WHATEVER FOR
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MAKING THAT RECOMMENDATION.

3. IT IS ALSO QUITE OBVIOUS THAT MY CONSISTENT CONCERN HAS BEEN, AND IS NOW, THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BE TOLD THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT THE CURRENT REALITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. I BELIEVE VERY DEEPLY THAT THIS IS ESSENTIAL AND THAT, IF THIS IS DONE, THE CONGRESS WILL DETERMINE THE NECESSARY MEASURES THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO BEST SERVE BOTH THE SHORT RANGE AND LONG RANGE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. I ALSO DEEPLY BELIEVE THAT, IF COMPLETELY AND TRUTHFULLY INFORMED, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL GIVE THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT WHICH WILL INSURE THEIR SUCCESS.

4. I AM, THEREFORE, PERSONALLY GRATEFUL BOTH TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO LEAKED MY CABLE AND TO SENATOR KENNEDY FOR MAKING IT PUBLIC SINCE THIS MAY ASSIST IN ACHIEVING MY CONSISTENT GOAL OF SEEING THAT, AT LONG LAST, THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT THE ACTUAL REALITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM TODAY MAY REACH THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

5. WHILE NATURALLY REGRETTING THE AD HOMINEM OVERTONES OF SOME OF THE COMMENT, I AM QUITE CERTAIN THAT A REPUTATION FOR COMPLETE INTEGRITY EXTENDING OVER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES CANNOT REALLY BE AFFECTED BY SUCH COMMENT.

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